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Response to Grand Jury Interim Reports

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Purpose

1. To provide for Board of Supervisors written response to Interim Reports of the Grand Jury including comments on specific recommendations, findings and observations contained therein.
2. To provide a process for staff review of Grand Jury Interim Reports and the preparation of proposed responses for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.

Background

Section 933, Penal Code, provides that no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury submits any final report (as it does annually at the end of its term) the Board of Supervisors shall comment on the findings and recommendations contained therein that pertain to County government matters. There is no such statutory requirement for response to Grand Jury Interim Reports. Because Grand Juries during their terms are making increasing use of interim reports to make findings and recommendations on matters of significance to the citizenry and to County government it is considered appropriate and in the public interest to establish by policy a process for their regular review and formal response by the Board.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. When the Grand Jury issues an Interim Report that pertains to County government matters, it shall be obtained by the Chief Administrative Officer and docketed at as early a date as possible for Board consideration, discussion and staff assignment to the preparation of a proposed written Board response.
2. The Board shall refer such Grand Jury Interim Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer for the preparation of a proposed written response.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with those offices/courts/departments concerned, shall prepare a proposed written response from the Board to the Grand Jury for the Board's consideration and action.
4. The Chief Administrative Officer shall docket the proposed written response with the Board in sufficient time as to assure that (subject to delays that cannot be anticipated) the Board may act on it and have it submitted to the Grand Jury no

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more than 60 calendar days after issuance of the Interim Report to which the response is being directed.

5. If a Grand Jury issues an Interim Report 60 days or less before it is due to be dismissed, the Board response to it shall be included in the Board response to its Final Report unless a separate response has been prepared, Board approved, and submitted beforehand. Response protocol for such interim reports is the same as that for final reports.
6. Once approved, responses are to be submitted to the Foreman of the issuing Grand Jury with copies to be sent to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the County Clerk. In cases where the interim report is submitted 60 days or less before the issuing Grand Jury's end of term, responses are to be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with copies to be sent to the Foreman of the issuing and the succeeding Grand Juries as well as the County Clerk.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-01.

Board Action

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CAO Reference

1.Chief Financial Officer/Auditor and Controller